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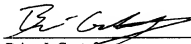
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The present application is not allowable because of the following reasons. A Written Opinion should be filed within three months as from the date of mailing of this Notice.

REASONS(1)

Since what is described in the following claim(s) of the present application fails to satisfy the requirements prescribed in the main text of Paragraph 1, Article 29 of Patent Law, it cannot be patented.

NOTE

(Regarding Claims 5 - 12)

In Claims 5 - 12, it is merely "declared" to program various procedures and there is neither disclosure of specific hardware resources necessary for implementing these procedures on computer nor disclosure of how to cooperate the hardware resources therefor.

Thus, what is defined in Claims 5 - 12 does not correspond to the "invention" defined by Patent Law.

Reference(s):

Examination Standards: "Notes to be remembered" in "Part II, Chapter 1, 1.1 Those not utilizing the laws of nature (4)"

Examination Standards: Example 1 in "Part VII, Chapter 1, 1.1.3 Examples of Indefinite Inventions (1)"

Examination Standards: Examples 1 and 2 in "Part VII, Chapter 1, 2.2.2 Specific Procedure of Judgement (3)"

REASONS(2)

Since the invention claimed in the following claim(s) of the present application could have been made easily by one skilled in the art to which the present invention pertains on the basis of an invention or inventions described in the following printed publication(s) distributed in Japan or foreign countries or made available to the public through electrical communication networks prior to the filing of the present application, the invention is unpatentable under Article 29 (2) of the Patent Law.

NOTE

- (1) Pat. Laid-open Pub. No. 4-319764
- (2) Pat. Laid-open Pub. No. 6-219011
- (3) Pat. Laid-open Pub. No. 8-161309

(Regarding Claims 1, 5 & 9)

In the inventions described in Reference 1 (in particular, see Figs. 2 through 5) and Reference 2 (in particular, see Figs. 3 through 4) indicated above, it would have been obvious for one skilled in the art to construct such that various pitches can be modified by displaying a dialog box as shown in Reference 3 (in particular, see a description of Fig. 4) indicated above so as to be able to modify the pitches between various kinds of characters.

In addition, it would have been a matter of design choice that could have been done appropriately by one skilled in the art to display two dimensional matrix information as a matrix display as it is or in the form of a one dimensional array of the elements of the information (irrespective of the pitch information between various kinds of characters).

Furthermore, since it is ubiquitous in the field of information processing to use icons in place of character string representations so as to allow an intuitive comprehension, it would have been a matter of design choice, which could have been done by one skilled in the art appropriately, to display a character string of a title or the like as a character string representation as it is or as an icon representation.

(Regarding Claims 2, 6 & 10)

What is to be set as a kind of characters to which pitch information is to be set would have been a matter of design choice, which could have been done by one skilled in the art appropriately, as decided as a well-known trade off between tediousness of setting and versatility of representations.

(Regarding Claims 3, 7 & 11)

In the field of information processing, provision of a simple mode and a detailed mode for various settings itself is well known.

In addition, to make it possible to select various kinds of characters itself would have been a matter of design choice which could have been done by one skilled in the art appropriately. (A technical significance cannot be found unless a relation to a process after selection is disclosed as in Claims 4, 8 & 12.)

Record of Prior Art Search Results

Field of Technology: IPC ver.7 G06F17/21-17/24 etc.

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